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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims, in the Application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Previously amended) A method of delivering a text message from a first landline telephone to a second landline telephone comprising:

sending the text message from the first landline telephone to an intermediary device, the intermediary device for:

making an audio file of the text message using a text-to-speech software module;

automatically placing a call to the second landline telephone; and

playing the audio file when the call is answered.

2. (Previously amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein if the second landline telephone is a digital telephone both the text message and the audio file are downloaded to the landline telephone.
3. (Previously amended) The method of Claim 2 wherein if the second landline telephone includes a screen the downloaded text message is retrieved by displaying the text on the screen.
4. (Original) The method of Claim 2 wherein the downloaded audio file message is retrieved by playing the audio file.

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5. Canceled.

6. Canceled.

7. (Previously amended) A method of delivering a text message from a landline telephone to a wireless telephone comprising:

sending the message from the landline telephone to an intermediary device, the intermediary device for:

making an audio file of the text message using a text-to-speech software module; and

downloading the text message and the audio file to the wireless telephone when the wireless telephone is active.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 7 wherein the downloaded audio file message is retrieved by playing the audio file.

9. Canceled.

10. Canceled.

11. (Previously amended) A computer program product on a computer readable medium for delivering a text message from a first landline telephone to a second landline telephone comprising:

code means for receiving the message when the message is sent from the first landline telephone to an intermediary device;

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code means for making an audio file of the text message using a text-to-speech software module;

code means for automatically placing a call to the second landline telephone; and

code means for playing the audio file when the call is answered.

12. (Previously amended) The computer program product of Claim 11 wherein if the second landline telephone is a digital telephone both the text message and the audio file are downloaded to the landline telephone.
13. (Previously amended) The computer program product of Claim 12 wherein if the second landline telephone includes a screen the downloaded text message is retrieved by displaying the text on the screen.
14. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 12 wherein the downloaded audio file message is retrieved by playing the audio file.
15. Canceled.
16. Canceled.
17. (Previously amended) A computer program product on a computer readable medium for delivering a text message from a landline telephone to a wireless telephone comprising:

code means for receiving the message when it is sent from the landline telephone to an intermediary device;

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code means for making an audio file of the text message using a text-to-speech software module; and

code means for downloading the text message and the audio file to the wireless telephone when the wireless telephone is active.

18. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 17 wherein the downloaded audio file message is retrieved by playing the audio file.

19. Canceled.

20. Canceled.

21. (Previously amended) An apparatus for delivering a text message from a first landline telephone to a second landline telephone comprising:

means for receiving the message when the message is sent from the first landline telephone to an intermediary device;

means for making an audio file of the text message using a text-to-speech software module;

means for automatically placing a call to the second landline telephone; and

means for playing the audio file when the call is answered.

22. (Previously amended) The apparatus of Claim 21 wherein if the second landline telephone is a digital telephone both the text message and the audio file are downloaded to the second landline telephone.

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23. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of Claim 22 wherein if the second landline telephone includes a screen the downloaded text message is retrieved by displaying the text on the screen.
 24. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 22 wherein the downloaded audio file message is retrieved by playing the audio file.
 25. Canceled.
 26. Canceled.
 27. (Previously amended) An apparatus for delivering a text message from a landline telephone to a wireless telephone comprising:

means for receiving the message when it is sent from the landline telephone to an intermediary device;

means for making an audio file of the text message using a text-to-speech software module; and

means for downloading the text message and the audio file to the wireless telephone when the wireless telephone is active.
 28. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 27 wherein the downloaded audio file message is retrieved by playing the audio file.
 29. Canceled.
 30. Canceled.
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